

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:
 - a docking station on which the digital camera is to be placed for taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera; and
 - a digital image storage located apart from the docking station for communicating with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a controller that detects a signal from the docking station and automatically causes the taking out of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera subsequent to receipt of the signal, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images.
2. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller causes the taking out of all the digital images in the memory subsequent to receipt of the signal.
3. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the controller causes the taking out of the digital images in order of the time when respective digital images were taken by the digital camera.
4. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the docking station is designed to charge a battery of the digital camera when the digital camera is coupled with the docking station.
5. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the signal is caused by the placing of the digital camera on the docking station.
6. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage for use with a digital camera having a memory, digital images in the memory being transmitted from the memory to the

digital image storage by way of a docking station capable of being coupled with the digital camera, the digital image storage being located apart from the docking station and comprising:

a controller that detects a signal from the docking station and that automatically causes the transmission of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera to the digital image storage subsequent to the detection of the signal; and

a memory that stores the transmitted digital images.

7. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage according to claim 6, wherein the controller causes the taking-out of all the digital images in the memory of the digital camera subsequent to receipt of the signal.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium that stores a computer program that is executable by a controller of a digital image storage for use with a digital camera having a memory, digital images in the memory being transmitted from the memory of the camera to the digital image storage by way of a docking station capable of being coupled with the digital camera, the digital image storage located apart from the docking station, the computer program comprising instructions to cause the controller to perform the steps of:

detecting receipt of a signal from the docking station which is located apart from the digital image storage and the controller;

automatically causing the transmission of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera to the digital image storage subsequent to the detection of the receipt of the signal; and

storing the transmitted digital images in a memory of the digital image storage.

9. (Previously Presented) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:

a docking station on which the digital camera is to be placed for taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera; and

a digital image storage located apart from the docking station for communicating with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a controller that detects a signal from the docking station and that executes a program for taking out the digital images from the memory of the digital camera, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images, the program being automatically started subsequent to detection of the signal.

10. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:

a docking station on which the digital camera is to be placed for taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera; and

a digital image storage located apart from the docking station for communicating with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a controller that detects a change of status of the docking station and that automatically causes the taking out of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera subsequent to the detection of the change in status, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images.

11. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.

12. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 9, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.

13. (Previously Presented) The digital image storage system according to claim 10, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.